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**TRANSMITTAL OF NEW DRAWING(S) TO CORRECT INFORMALITIES  
WITHIN THREE MONTH PERIOD OF RESPONSE SET  
IN NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY (P.T.O.L. 37)**

**NOTE:** Applicant may correct any informalities in the drawings made by the Draftsman's objections on PTO-948 by filing new drawings with the changes incorporated therein. If the filing of the drawings are delayed until receipt of the "Notice of Allowability" (PTOL-37), the new drawings **MUST** be filed within the **THREE MONTH** shortened statutory period set for response in the "Notice of Allowability" (PTOL-37).

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(Transmittal of New Drawing(s) to Correct Informalities Within Three Month Period of Response Set in Notice of Allowability (PTOL 37) [5-2.1]—page 1 of 2)

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.85 Corrections to drawings: "(c) If a corrected drawing is required or if a drawing does not comply with § 1.84 at the time an application is allowed, the Office may notify the applicant and set a three month period of time from the mail date of the notice of allowability within which the applicant must file a corrected or formal drawing in compliance with § 1.84 to avoid abandonment. This time period is not extendable under § 1.136(a) or § 1.136(b).

37 C.F.R. § 1.136 Extensions of time: "(c) If an applicant is notified in a "Notice of Allowability" that an application is otherwise in condition for allowance, the following time periods are not extendable if set in the "Notice of Allowability" or in an Office action having a mail date on or after the mail date of the "Notice of Allowability":

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(2) The period for submitting formal drawings set under § 1.85(c)."

**NOTE:** Corrected drawings, as well as the issue fee, should be addressed to: Box Issue Fee. Notice of November 30, 1990 (1122 O.G. 571 to 591).

**NOTE:** Applicant is required to submit **ACCEPTABLE** corrected drawings within the three month shortened statutory period set in the "Notice of Allowability" (PTOL-37). Within that three month period, two weeks should be allowed for review by the Office of the correction. If a correction is determined to be unacceptable by the Office, applicant must arrange to have an acceptable correction re-submitted within the original three month period to avoid the necessity of obtaining an extension of time and of paying the extension fee. **THEREFORE, APPLICANT SHOULD FILE CORRECTED DRAWINGS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.** Notice of January 14, 1985 (1051 O.G. 3). See also 37 C.F.R. § 1.85(c).

### SUBMISSION OF DRAWING(S)

1. To correct the informalities in the drawings as noted in the Draftsman's objection(s) on PTO-948, applicant submits herewith new drawing(s) for this application. Number of sheets of drawings submitted \_\_\_\_\_.

**NOTE:** "Identifying indicia, if provided, should include the application number or the title of the invention, inventor's name, docket number (if any), and the name and telephone number of a person to call if the Office is unable to match the drawings to the proper application. This information should be placed on the back of each sheet of drawings a minimum distance of 1.5 cm. ( $\frac{9}{16}$  inch) down from the top of the page. In addition, a reference to the application number, or, if an application number has not been assigned, the inventor's name, may be included in the left-hand corner, provided that the reference appears within 1.5 cm ( $\frac{9}{16}$  inch) from the top of the sheet." 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(c).

2. The three month period of response set in the Notice of Allowability (PTOL 37) expires on 08/17/04. This submission is on or before this expiry date.

### CONDITIONAL EXTENSION OF TERM

3. ☒ If an extension of term is deemed to be required, please consider this a request therefor, and an authorization to charge for the extension fee as follows:

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